

Cabarrus County population is expected to increase by some 2,550 to a total population of 71,815 by 1985. Therefore, 94,553 additional books will be required by 1985 for a total needed book stock (in 1985) of 143,630.

Circulation of books more than tripled from 1956 to 1966. Circulation was 66,839 for fiscal year 1955-56 and 218,121 for 1965-66. This represents an increase in circulation of 151,482 in the ten-year period. County population increased only 7.2 per cent during this period. This indicates that library patrons in Cabarrus County are becoming more avid in their reading habits.

Current circulation of books is as follows:

	<u>Main</u>	<u>Branch</u>
Adult fiction	79,245	1,058
Adult non-fiction	<u>39,709</u>	<u>927</u>
Total	<u>118,954</u>	<u>1,985</u>
Juvenile fiction	76,541	6,570
Juvenile non-fiction	<u>11,561</u>	<u>2,510</u>
Total	<u>88,102</u>	<u>9,080</u>
Totals	<u>207,056</u>	<u>11,065</u>
Totals combined	<u>218,121</u>	

Library card holders are as follows:

Adult	5,587	561
Juvenile	<u>2,857</u>	<u>634</u>
Total	<u>8,444</u>	<u>1,195</u>

The Annual Report for fiscal year 1965-66 showed a budget of \$49,052.90 for the main library, and \$3,779.55 for the branch library, for a total of \$52,832.45. The total budget is far below the requirements of a community of about 70,000 people. The budget for the branch library is 7.15 per cent of the total budget. This may be due partly to the low circulation factors mentioned above.